

Minutes from 9/1/05 Meeting
Held at Ripley County DCS

In attendance: Randy Hildebrand; India Turner; Rob King; Traci Eggleston and Melissa Norman

A handout was distributed with a listing of the services available in each county, how those services were paid for and whether or not they were prevention, preservation, placement or permanency services. Concern was voiced among the group as to how increased numbers of prevention services would be funded. Another concern was with regard to what blended funding would look like if counties within the region joined their dollars in an effort to purchase new services.

Traci suggested that there be some sort of power point presentation, marketing plan or press release in an effort to start planting seeds about the philosophical shift of the agency. This would aid the region in their endeavors to begin "selling" this philosophical shift to providers, community partners and the community at large. There was also some discussion about creating a packet of information for potential contractors or small businesses to spark interest.

The Director's discussed amongst themselves who would be the voting members for their group. It was decided that Rob King, Traci Eggleston and India Turner would fill these roles. Due to the fact that Dearborn/Ohio counties were not included, it was suggested that Mary Riede could represent the Supervisor's. The recommendation was made that Cindi Wagner would be a good representative for the FCM's.

Members were asked to brainstorm with regard to the new services they would like to see in the region. They are listed below.

- Sex offender program (for adults and juveniles)
- Substance abuse treatment
- A person to intervene/prevent probation placements
- More residential options
- Substance abuse counseling
- NACS like program (community based prevention programming)
- Independent Living services/skills for children in a rural setting
- Intensive preservation services
- MRO case management

Next meeting was scheduled for September 30, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. Meeting will be held at the Ripley County DCS. The Judges from Region 15 will be invited to attend this meeting. There was some discussion with regard to how best to coordinate the meeting date while being mindful of the busy schedules had by each Judge. It may be necessary to schedule a meeting many weeks in advance so that there can be full participation.